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The preliminary amendment filed 12-26-01 was improper. Applicant attempted to replace claims 2-4 with new claims and to renumber claims 2-4 as new claims 10,12 and 18. Since the amendment was improper, only original claims 1-4 are pending in the application. Newly filed claims should have been numbered consecutively from the next highest claim, which would have been claim 5. Since the restriction requirement was based on the assumption that claims 1-18 were properly filed, the response to the restriction is improper. If applicant wishes to expedite prosecution, it would be acceptable in responding to this action to cancel any appropriate nonelected claims, and to have any elected claims properly numbered.

Applicant is given one month to respond to this action.

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